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Staff employed in the office of the Director of Harijan Welfare.

* 455 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the total strength of the staff employed in the office of the Director of Harijan Welfare;

(b) the number of them belonging to Scheduled Castes: and

(c) the number of Andhras working there?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Sixty-seven including peons and masalchis.

" (b) Twenty-two including peons and masalchis.

" (c) Six."

Retrenchment in the Electricity department in Vijayavada.

* 457 Q.—SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have retrenched any personnel in the Electricity department in the Andhra Power System, Vijayavada;

(b) if so, the reasons for the retrenchment; and

(c) the number of workers, the number of clerks and the number of other employees who have been retrenched?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Owing to a cut in the budget grant the provision made for extension schemes for 1952–53 was exhausted. Consequently, construction work on extension schemes had to be stopped and the employees retrenched.

(c) Number of workers.	1,532, including 36 work-charged men who have been absorbed in operation and maintenance posts). 78 of these workers have since been taken back in connection with the execution of some Community Project, etc., works.
Number of clerks.	3 (one upper division clerk and two lower division clerks).
Number of other employees.	4 [three junior Engineers and one Supervisor (Civil)]."

Leave facilities to village servants.

* 458 Q.—SRI M. MARIMUTHU: " Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the vettis and talayaris working under the karnams and village headmen enjoy holiday and leave facilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—(a) & (b) A note[a] containing the information is placed on the table of the House."

House-sites for the Harijans of Nagireddi thota in Nellore town.

* 459 Q.—SRI K. SHANMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Harijan residents of Nagireddi thota in Nellore town have been granted house-sites; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the delay in doing so?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given on the floor of the House to Legislative Assembly Question No. 165 (680) by Sri S. Vemayya, M.L.A., on 25th March 1953, in respect of residents of Muthyalapalem otherwise known as Nagireddi thota.

" S. No. 529/A-1 of Nellore town was suggested as the alternative site, but the Harijans expressed their unwillingness to take it up. The Collector, therefore, dropped further action in the matter."

The Budameru Diversion Scheme.

* 460 Q.—SRI T. POTHA RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the public requesting the Government to take up the Budameru Diversion Scheme this year; and

(b) whether the Government have completed the investigation of the above scheme; and if so, whether any report has been submitted by the concerned officers?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The proposal is under investigation; the latter part of the question does not arise."

Cash aid to cyclone-damaged house-owners in certain taluks in Pudukkottai division.

* 461 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the expenditure incurred by Government in granting cash aid to cyclone-damaged house-owners in (1) Kolathur taluk, (2) Alangudi taluk and (3) Tirumayam taluk of Pudukkottai division, Tiruchirappalli district; and

(b) the amount disbursed as loans to meet the damage to agriculturists?

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